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SUBJECT: SITUATION CONCERNING DATE FOR ELECTIONS

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 7574, B) BUENOS AIRES 8227

1. AS NOTED IN REF A, ON NOVEMBER 17 MRS. PERON SENT MESSAGE TO CONGRESS INDICATING THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE ADVANCED FROM MARCH 1977 UNTIL LAST QUARTER OF 1976. ON DECEMBER 17 MRS. PERON ANNOUNCED THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD OCTOBER 17, 1976 (SEE REF B - NOTE: STATEMENT IN REF B CONCERNING CONGRESS'S ROLE IN SETTING FORWARD ELECTIONS WAS ERRONEOUS. EMBASSY WAS UNDER IMPRESSION CONGRESS HAD TO APPROVE DATE SET BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THIS, HOWEVER, IS NOT THE CASE. SO LONG AS EXECUTIVE BRANCH REMAINS WITHIN PERIMETERS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL LAW, IT HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO SET DATE WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL OF CONGRESS).

2. AFTER MRS. PERON HAD ALREADY ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 17 DATE FOR ELECTIONS, SOMEONE NOTICED THAT 1972 ELECTORAL LAW, WHICH IS STILL IN FORCE, INDICATES ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD NOT LESS THAN TWO NOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS BEFORE EXPIRATION OF ADMINISTRATION'S TERM--I.E., ON MAY 25, 1977. ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER, THEREFORE, WOULD BE ONE MONTH EARLIER THAN SPECIFIED BY LAW. SOURCES IN CONGRESS WHO HAVE SPOKEN TO MRS. PERON ON THE SUBJECT INDICATE THAT SHE WILL AGAIN CHANGE THE DATE, PROBABLY NOW SCHEDULING ELECTIONS FOR LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY

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DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WHATEVER THE DATE FOR  
ELECTIONS, MRS. PERON'S TERM DOES NOT EXPIRE UNTIL MAY OF 1977,  
16 MONTHS AWAY.  
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